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1. According to the VEB plan, the requirement for the important main group Rolling Mill Products of Iron and Steel amounts to 96,249.5 metric tons. Allotted quotas totalling 88,382.5 metric tons are available for this main group. 28,926.8 metric tons, for which an allocation of 28,910.7 metric tons is available. The requirement for cast steel amounts to 3,566.4 metric tons for which an allocation of 3,401 metric tons is available.
2. A total of 21,330.9 metric tons of steel and iron rolled products was available for 1953 production from the stocks of the Main Administration of Power and Power Machine Construction. [REDACTED] 6,037 metric tons of steel and iron rolled products were produced.
3. The current orders were able to be covered by large importations of boiler plate of C 12 to C 18 quality and in thicknesses up to approximately 40 mm, undertaken [REDACTED] Through the import of boiler pipes of 35.20 quality further difficulties were avoided.
4. Power program
 - a. The requirement for alloy pipes was about 1,500 metric tons. DIA-Metall could give no delivery dates.
 - b. The requirement for high-pressure armatures was about 750 metric tons. These armatures can only be delivered by SAG Karl-Marx-Werk, Magdeburg and SAG Schumann Armaturen, Leipzig.
 - c. The first quarter requirement for Hettstedt boiler plate was 558 metric tons. Only 200 metric tons of the February quota for 500 metric tons of 16 Mn 3 type plate were rolled. An additional 129 metric tons were rolled [REDACTED]. The remainder was to be rolled shortly.
 - d. An allotment of 13,561 metric tons of masonry material (Einmauerung) was still lacking. The accounting office was ordered to make up the shortage [REDACTED]

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e. About 12,000 metric tons of steel and iron rolled products and about 3,500 metric tons of cast iron products are lacking. There are no available allocations.

25X1 f. The first quarter requirement for forged pieces was 1,250 metric tons. The
25X1 Thaelmann plant in Magdeburg was to produce 762 metric tons of this requirement.
25X1 No part of it was delivered by the Thaelmann plant [] only 41.2 metric
tons [] and 14.5 metric tons []

5. Metallurgy program

a. In the Bitterfeld plant there is still a shortage in allocation for 4,000 metric tons of commercial thick sheet and for 2,500 metric tons of boiler sheet for the long-distance gas line between Groeditz and Lauchhammer.

25X1 b. There is also a shortage at Bitterfeld for Grosskokerei Lauchhammer of 2,000
metric tons, of plate, mold steel, and pipes. [] 580 metric tons
were allotted by the State Administration of Material Supply.

6. Export program

The orders for two flue boilers under "Orders remaining from 1952 and 1953 orders" were well taken care of by the imports of boiler plate. There are difficulties in the production of compressors because of the lack of forged pieces for crankshafts.

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